

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY REGION

ORDER NO. 98-125

SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE  
CITY OF HALF MOON BAY  
MONTARA SANITARY DISTRICT  
GRANADA SANITARY DISTRICT  
HALF MOON BAY, SAN MATEO COUNTY

AMENDING ORDER 95-150, REQUIRING SEWER AUTHORITY MID-COASTSIDE TO  
CEASE AND DESIST DISCHARGING WASTE CONTRARY TO DISCHARGE  
PROHIBITIONS IN ORDER NO. 94-126 (NPDES PERMIT)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (the Board)  
finds that:

1. Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside (hereinafter referred to as SAM) was formed by the City of Half Moon Bay, Granada Sanitary District, and Montara Sanitary District in a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement dated February 3, 1976, to perform all functions for the treatment and disposal of wastewater.
2. SAM operates a wastewater treatment plant which provides secondary treatment of domestic waste. The plant is permitted to discharge 2.0 million gallons per day (MGD) of treated wastewater, and presently discharges an average dry weather flow of 1.5 MGD. This discharge is regulated by Waste Discharge Requirements in Order No. 94-126, NPDES Permit No. CA0038598.
3. The Board adopted Cease and Desist Order No. 95-150 (CDO) for SAM on July 19, 1995, for NPDES permit effluent limit violations and for violations of discharge prohibitions. SAM had violated effluent limits for settleable matter, BOD, total suspended solids, coliform, and chlorine residual. SAM had also violated the discharge prohibition which states: "The bypass or overflow of untreated or partially treated wastewater to waters of the State, either at the treatment plant or from any of the collection or transport system or pump stations tributary to the treatment plant or outfall is prohibited." The CDO required SAM to achieve full compliance with the discharge prohibitions and effluent limitations contained in SAM's NPDES permit, Order 94-126, by January 31, 1999.
4. SAM encountered delays in the expansion of its wastewater treatment plant because of the unusually heavy and frequent rain in the 1997-1998 raining season. The documented delays amount to 49 working days which equates to 69 calendar days. SAM plans to achieve full permit compliance by April 10, 1999.
5. This CDO amendment extends the completion date for SAM to achieve full compliance with its NPDES permit to April 10, 1999.

6. The California Water Code (Section 13301) authorizes the Regional Board to issue a Cease and Desist Order when it finds that a waste discharge is taking place or threatening to take place in violation of the Board's prescribed requirements.
7. This action is an order to enforce waste discharge requirements and Basin Plan prohibitions previously adopted by the Board. It is therefore categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the Resources Agency Guidelines.
8. The discharger and interested agencies and persons have been notified of the Board's intent to amend this Cease and Desist Order and have been provided an opportunity to submit their written comments and appear at the public meeting. At a public meeting, the Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

Attachment 1, Section II.B.7. of SAM's Cease and Desist Order No. 95-150 shall be amended as follows:

<b>SAM Shall Complete Construction By:</b>	<b>February 9, 1999</b>
<b>SAM Shall Start-up The Plant By:</b>	<b>March 10, 1999</b>
<b>SAM Shall Achieve Total Effluent Limit Compliance By:</b>	<b>April 10, 1999</b>
<b>Report Due:</b>	<b>April 30, 1999</b>

I, Loretta K. Barsamian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is full, true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region, on December 16, 1998.

Loretta K. Barsamian  
Executive Officer

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